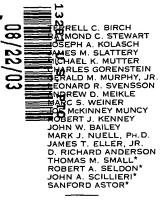
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An assignment of the invention

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